



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2

Year 1

Welcome

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Our focus for this term is called 'The Little Hen and the Great War' and finding out about Walter Tull. I hope that this sheet gives you a brief outline of the term. Your children have been amazing and have all risen to the not inconsiderable challenges of Year 1. It was a pleasure to meet you all at parents evenings. I am very proud of them. Towards the end of term we will be doing assessments of learning so far and of course lots of Christmas activities. Please let me know if you or your child is worried about anything.

Maths

We will be focussing on addition and subtraction including recognising these as inverse operations and pairs of numbers to make 10. We will also look at 2D and 3D shapes. Children will continue to work practically moving to pictorially and then abstract manipulation of numbers. We will continue read, write and interpret maths statements and problem solving using the RUCSAC process

Dates and Things to Remember

PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure everything is named. Reading books are changed on Mondays. Homework is issued on Fridays and handed in on Wednesdays. Spellings are issued on Fridays and tested the following Friday. Mr Drake will be visiting on Monday 6th of Nov to talk about and show First World War artefacts.

English

Our literacy will be taught through our topic book and a specific reading, handwriting and phonics session each day will support this. We will be comparing the fiction book with non fiction books about Walter Tull. Your child will continue to bring home 2 reading books each week. 1 is linked to their assessed phonics level and the other chosen by me. It is important for them to read/enjoy these. During our group reading sessions we use a range of other fabulous and varied books. There will also be a new class reader sent home for you to enjoy over the next 6 weeks. Spellings will continue to be based on the year 1 spelling rules. Please ask your child to trace over my writing and continue to write them in a joined style with correct formation.

Topic

This term our topic book is 'The Little Hen and the Great War'. This is a lovely story set in the First World War which will lead us into our history work about significant events in British History and British values. We will be learning about Walter Tull who was a professional footballer who played for Northampton Town before signing up to fight in the first world war, a memorial to him is located near the Cobblers ground. Our science topic is called 'Humans and other animals' and the focus this term will be on animals, lots of sorting and identifying characteristics of animal groups. The DT unit will be designing and making a windmill. PSHE will focus on 'Celebrating difference'. Our RE topics are 'How and why do Hindus celebrate Diwali', 'The family in Judaism', and 'the importance of Christmas to Christians' together with consideration of our Christian values. In ICT we will look at pictograms and continue to use purple mash and pay regard to online safety. In PE we will be focussing on ball skills and skills such as balance and control .

Homework

Weekly homework will be reading, spellings and a page from the Maths and an English homework books that will be given out on Fridays with a page reference. Also towards the end of term there will be a writing task based on the class reader and a 20 word spelling test of the words covered this term.

**Our Value for this month is
Forgiveness**

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